



Iron Range Housing & Community Dialogue Notes

Rental and Homeowner Housing Rehab

What is working?

- SF programs delivery/excessive demand
- Gap in dollars vs. program

Not Working?

- Communications/referrals between funders and admin
- Rental rehab funding – in need of grants

Next Steps

- Explore rental registry/rental code
- Regional delivery
- Partnering with landlords

Long Range Planning for Affordable and Workforce Housing Needs

Challenges

- Definition of and difference between
 - Affordable
 - Work force
 - Market rate
 - Affordable
- Resources available
- Partnerships
- Community involvement
- Knowledge of programs
- Multi-jurisdictional approach
 - Inspections
 - HRA levy-resources
- Employer contribution/participation
- Unified voice – advocacy
 - Political unity
- Location: City vs. rural townships
- IRRRB – catalyst for positive change

Next Steps

- Understand the need
 - Demographics
 - Housing product
- Community planning around housing



- Comprehensive for all levels
- Engage employers in solution
 - Incentives for participation
 - Local or regional
 - Link to end users
- Involve non-traditional partners
 - DOC
 - Mental health
 - EDA
- Chambers of Commerce
- Law enforcement
- Advocacy for HRA/EDA levy
 - Source of local dollars
- Understand local housing resources at a detailed level
 - GIS

Supportive Housing and Housing Needs of Special Populations

Supportive Housing Challenges

- Not enough Section 8 vouchers
- Existing buildings not conducive for technology needs
 - No space on site for monitoring (staff)
 - More of an open lay out so cameras can capture view
- Funding for services
 - Connections to services
 - Vets exit not well connected (i.e. MACV)
- People choosing to not engage with services and at risk
- TBI and MI populations > in particular
- Re-entry making impossible to not be homeless
 - Screen out, tight market
- Access to Section 8 LBT> prefer to not have to go in person
- Difficult to fund for less than 30-40-50 units but in rural areas, isn't demand/market

What is working?

- S+C b/c wrapped with services (regime) + "forced" collaboration of housing and services
- Once Section 8 in place and services are in place, success does happen
- Educating owners/landlords = engagement
- Not enough market rate (in between) senior housing
- Formal/informal collaboration/networking
- Dollars for deposits/rent vets re-entry folks before stabilization occurs ins lacking

What needs to happen to meet needs?

- Continue de-silo (at government level and in community)
 - Events like this, C&C, networking



- Banking institutions to “back” (staff) programs
- Flexible pool to pay for services (those not eligible can’t pay for it all, just not available)
- Realization of what “housing cost”/market rate really is and what renters willing/wanting to pay

Action Steps

- Get someone/some developer to take “leap of faith” and develop housing now BEFORE the mining actually comes – WHO???
- Address service dollar gap > advocacy groups; build off bonding momentum
- This group (Don lead?) describes the step ladder concept in writing > share with Olmstead, MICH, etc.
- Bring consumers to these types of conversations and events